

Chief Mass Communication Specialist (SW/AW) Jason Morris
Officer in Charge, Navy Public Affairs Support Element-East Detachment Europe

Chief Mass Communication Specialist (SW/AW) Jason Morris joined the Navy August, 1992. In November 1992, he completed basic training at Recruit Training Command, Orlando, FL, and received orders to the Ceremonial Honor Guard in Washington, DC., where he was selected into the Illustrator Draftsman rating and advanced to Third Class.

His early tours as an Illustrator Draftsman included USS SAMUEL GOMPERS (AD 37) home ported in Alameda, California, USS FRANK CABLE (AS 40) home ported in Charleston, South Carolina and later moved to Agana, Guam, and Electronic Attack Squadron 129 (VAQ 129) in Whidbey Island, Washington.

At Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron TWO (VQ 2) in Rota, Spain, he was promoted to First Class Petty Officer and was the ground training Leading Petty Officer responsible for all squadron training. He qualified as a Navy instructor, earning the NEC 9502, curriculum developer and a Master Training Specialist.

In 2004, Chief Morris reported to North American Aerospace Defense Command-U.S. Northern Command (NORAD-USNORTHCOM) as the Leading Petty Officer for Graphics Division. During this time, he transitioned into the Mass Communication Specialist rating and provided support for Hurricanes Katrina and Rita and presidential detail. He was selected as Sailor of the Year for 2006, 2007 and as the NCO of the Year.

He reported to Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Africa/Commander, U.S. Sixth Fleet in 2007 and was selected to Chief Petty Officer that year. He assumed his duties as Leading Chief Petty Officer and was immediately deployed to USS FORT MCHENRY (LSD 43) and High Speed Vessel Swift (HSV 2) to lead the first Africa Partnership Station (APS) mission throughout West Africa as the Leading Chief Petty Officer/Public Affairs Officer. He continued to deploy in this role on three deployments to four ships including the first European-led APS aboard the Dutch flagship HNLMS Johan de Witt.

He reported to Defense Information School in Fort Meade, Maryland, and completed the Public Affairs Officer course in May 2010. He next reported onboard his current command as Officer in Charge, Navy Public Affairs Support Element-East Detachment Europe in June 2010. Chief Morris selected orders and will transfer to USS FRANK CABLE (AS 40) as the Public Affairs Officer.

Chief Morris earned a Bachelor's degree in Communications from the University of Maryland and is currently working on a Master's Degree in Adult Education and Training. His personal awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (7 awards), Good Conduct Medal (6 awards), Humanitarian Service Medal (2 awards), Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal (2 awards) and various campaign and service ribbons.

